



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of: Attorney Docket No.: SHO-0025  
Takanobu ADACHI et al. Examiner: K. Frisby  
Application No.: 10/697,251 Art Unit: 3715  
Filed: October 31, 2003 Confirmation No.: **9042**  
For: GAMING MACHINE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits after filing the accompanying Request for Continued Examination filed and in response to the final Office Action dated May 10, 2006, the period for response being extended to November 10, 2006, by the Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 1-6 and 13-21 are pending in the application. By this amendment, claims 1 and 2 are amended, claims 7-12 are cancelled and claims 13-21 are new.

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

(There are no amendments to the specification)

III. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

(There are no amendments to the drawings)